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2011....Rich Greenwald  
2012....Rich Greenwald



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## Commander's Column

These columns are written a week or two before publication and because of that I sometimes have to refrain from discussing events in the past tense which will have already taken place when the newsletter goes out. So as of this writing I can only say I have a high degree of confidence Memorial Day will be a success and we will have once again demonstrated ourselves to be an asset to the community. Thank you and congratulations in advance to all participants, the scouts, and to Jr. Vice Commander Bob Grember.

I joined a few adults and scouts to decorate the graves of veterans in the Downers Grove cemeteries a few days before Memorial Day. Most of those veterans served in WWI and WWII and several from the Civil War as well. Many of those graves were marked with G.A.R. insignia (as most of you know, the Grand Army of the Republic was a predecessor organization to the American Legion). A very small number of graves were noted as combat fatalities. When the grave decorating was over and I was able to sit down at home to read some news, I was reminded that some veterans who have been laid to rest in recent months and years happened to be awaiting medical treatment from the Veterans Administration at the time of their death. Whether their deaths were related to the conditions for which they were awaiting treatment is not for me to say, I certainly have no idea. Either way, the conclusion is inescapable; we do not do enough to provide medical care to all of the veterans who require and deserve that care.

I have seen reported by the CATO institute that more than 340,000 claims for veterans care are waiting to be processed. It takes an average of 160 days for a veteran to be approved for health benefits, and the VA itself estimates it has an error rate of at least 9% in processing claims. According to VA figures quoted in media reports, a veteran who takes an appeal through all available administrative steps faces an average wait of 1,598 days, a little more than 4 years. Many of our members have volunteered hours with the VA at Hines Hospital and

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know personally many of the hard working and caring people who do their best to directly impact veterans every day. But the news reports show us what can happen when the pressure of patient demand and wait lists affect bureaucratic behavior.

Our service officer, joint service committee, and many individual members do a great job at the post level providing comfort items and morale visits to local veterans. There is not a great deal more to be accomplished locally, but the care and rehabilitation of veterans is the first pillar of the American Legion and each of us has a vote in the national elections which will take place over the next few years.

Todd Hanson

Commander



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## Auxiliary News – June 2014



### Poppy Days 2014

Julia Hanson, our 2014 Miss Poppy, helped us kick off this year's Poppy Campaign at the Past Commanders' dinner on May 17<sup>th</sup>. It was also a pleasure to have two past Miss Poppies present with their families, Lindsey Pappalardo and Gabrielle Wisbrock.

Our 2014 Poppy Day Campaign received three authorized public solicitation dates from the Village of Downers Grove. This permitted us to have Legionnaire and Auxiliary members soliciting for donations on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Wannamakers as well as our usual locations around Downers Grove on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.



*Jean Krupin @ Wannamakers*



*Karen Greenwald @ Wannamakers*

We also were able to have one or more Poppy volunteers at the Post to solicit contributions from the people who came for traffic court. **Our thanks to all of the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members for their time and efforts in gathering our Poppy Day donations.**

### 11<sup>th</sup> District Meeting — May 18<sup>th</sup>

President Kim Cruz, Therese Schey, Pat Mustradi and Julie Isenberger attended the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois 11<sup>th</sup> District Convention and Memorial Service. To all our members that sent in their reports a big thank you. Two of our Unit 80 members received recognition for the best reports received by district. Norma Border was recognized for the best Constitution and Bylaws report and Therese Schey was recognized for best VA&R report. Great job, Ladies!!

Our very own Karen Greenwald has been selected as the new 11<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain for 2014-2015. Congratulations Karen!!.



Auxiliary News....cont. from pg 3....

### **2014-2015 Election of Officer Election**

At the Auxiliary's May meeting, the following were re-elected as Unit officers for the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year:

President	Kim Cruz
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jean Krupin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Arlene Guest
Chaplain	Pat Mustradi
Historian	Bev Parrott
Treasurer	Joey Klingbiel
Sgt-at-Arms	Julie Isenberger

### **Election of New Members**

Unit 80 also voted on acceptance of three new senior members. We welcome each as new members: Dane M. Bonnetcarre, Susan J. Niedoborski, and Mary A. Proney.

### **May Meeting Guest — Lois Sterba**

Our thanks to Lois Sterba, who provided us with a wonderful presentation on two of Downers Grove's most historic cemeteries, Oak Hill and Oak Crest cemeteries. She provided information on the local historical figures buried there as well as the many veterans from the 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, who are buried there. She also advised us of the concerns and efforts of the newly formed Oak Hill Oak Crest Cemetery Foundation to preserve and protect these grave sites which include the parents of Alexander Bradley Burns.

### **VA&R Update**

VA&R Chair, Therese Schey, was part of a special tribute honoring our veterans at Manor Care of Hinsdale on May 24th. President Kim Cruz along with nine other auxiliary members will be preparing a dinner for the families of veterans on Saturday, June 28th at Fisher House. This is always a rewarding experience.

If anyone is interested in signing up for preparing a dinner for the homeless veterans at Cooke's Manor at Hines VA, please give me a call and I will make arrangements. Therese Schey - 708 354 8649.

### **Upcoming Auxiliary Meetings and Events:**

- June 9      Regular Meeting and Potluck Dinner — start time 6 pm
- June 14     Flag Day - Remember to fly your flag!!

Respectfully submitted  
Kim Cruz, President





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## 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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at Cantigny park**

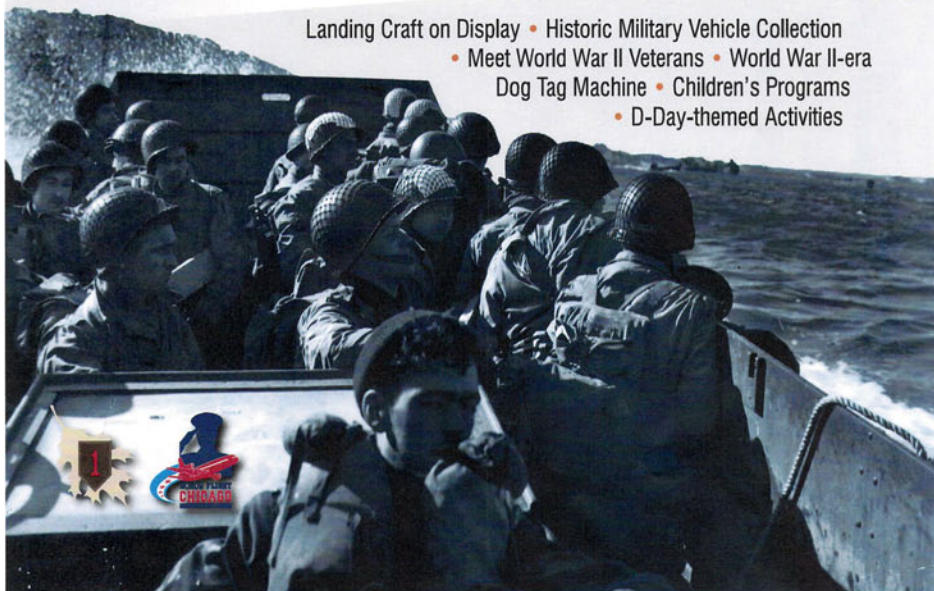
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# POPPY DAY HONOR BOARD

The Poppy Program raises community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating the public about the symbol of the poppy, taken from a line in the poem "In Flanders Fields" written on the battlefield during World War I by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.

In honor of the men and woman that have served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we will display an "HONOR BOARD" in a prominent place in our legion to give thanks to them.

Last year Unit 80's Poppy donations totaled just over \$2600 for veterans and their families.

All funds go directly to the Veterans and their families. During the month of May the displayed board will honor your loved ones who served.

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**\* The honor board will be displayed at the legion starting in May.**

*Please fill out the form below and list the full names & branches of service that your loved ones served.*

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## FLAG DAY

Saturday, June 14th

## FLAG RETIREMENT

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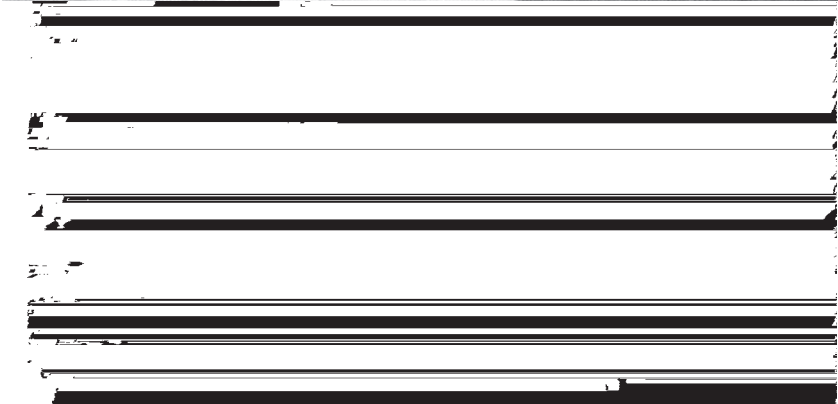
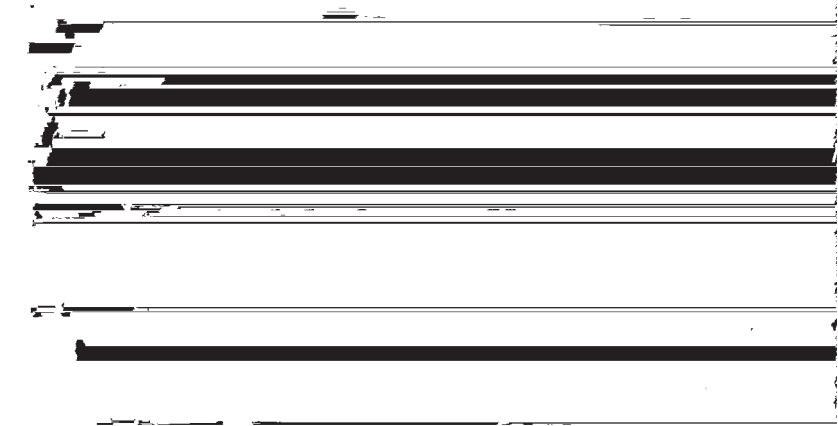


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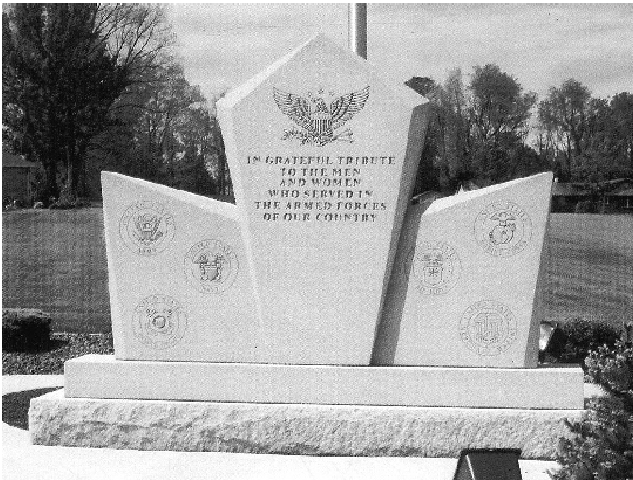
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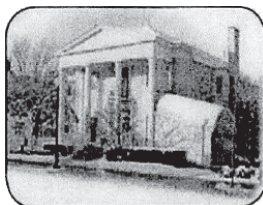
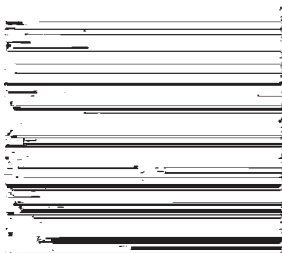
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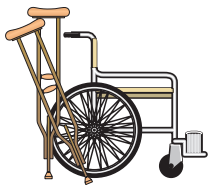
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*Scholarship Recipients, Lindsey Pappalardo and Matthew Downing with Commander Todd Hanson*

## American Legion Post 80 Scholarship Awards



*Joe Pappalardo with granddaughter, Lindsey Pappalardo*



*Scholarship Recipient, Matthew Downing with his parents and grandfather, Bill Downing.*



## Past Commander's Night

*Top L-R: Dave Wisbrock, Jack Border, Rich Greenwald.  
Bottom L-R: Emery Wolff, Joe Pappalardo, Dick Bernardini.*



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# American Legion Riders



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## ALERT — LEGION RIDER — JUNE MEETING CHANGE

The date and time of the Legion Rider regular June monthly meeting has been changed to **Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Post 80.** This will enable those riders who are going on the Frogs4Freedom run to get to St. Charles for the early registration & start time.

### Upcoming Rides and Events

**6/1 Wings Benefit Ride — Registration at JD Bootleggers, Antioch IL — 9 am-5 pm**

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**6/21 MidEast Conflict Memorial Freedom Run — to Marseilles IL**

**Leave Post 80 at 8 am.** Legion Riders ride directly to Marseilles in time to have breakfast. **The annual Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run** leaves from Grundy County Fairgrounds. (One mile North of Morris off Rt. 47) The lineup starts at 6:00AM. The run will leave at 10:15AM to go to the Middle East Conflicts Wall in Marseilles. The ceremony will begin at 1:00PM.





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- 7/14-19 Tennessee Dragon Tail Run — Gatlinburg TN
- 7/31-8/3 Legion Rider Romp — Collinsville IL
- 8/17-21 Legacy Scholarship Run — Indianapolis to Charlottesville NC

**COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN, SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THE RIDES!!**

Legion Riders — Chapter 80 usually meets monthly on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the Post 80 Library. However, **the next Legion Rider meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Post 80.** Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are \$20.00.

Please check with Director, John Pavich, (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

**Check the Post 80 Newsletter and website for updates to the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.**

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*Here is a prayer for those growing old:  
(Growing old is a popular subject at the Legion Hall).*

*Following is a well-intended prayer for Legionnaires, (and you Auxiliary women also!):*

"Lord, you know that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail.

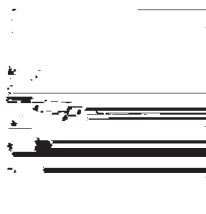
Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains.

They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful, but not nosey. Helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does not seem a pity not to use it all.

But you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. I place myself in your hands. Amen."



<b>PRESIDENT.....</b>	<b>KIM CRUZ</b>
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<b>SECRETARY.....</b>	<b>PAM QUEDNAU</b>
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<b>CHAPLAIN.....</b>	<b>PAT MUSTRADI</b>
<b>HISTORIAN.....</b>	<b>BEVERLY PARROTT</b>
<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>JULIE ISENBERGER</b>
<b>ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>DOLORES KONDRASCHOW</b>

DUES: AUXILIARY \$18.00/YEAR JR. AUX \$4.00/YEAR

#### PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb	1952....Letitia Mrkvicka	1984....Anne Creel
1921....Jessie Straub	1953....Corabelle Krepper	1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1922....Matilda Uhlorn	1954....Christine McGarvie	1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1923....Myra Hawkins	1955....Elsie Niedner	1987....Ethel Clark
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	<b>1988....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
1925....Emily Sanders	1957....Marian Lacey	<b>1989....Eleanor Bartels</b>
1926....Daisy Swift	<b>1958....Evelyn Fredericks</b>	<b>1990....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
1927....Florence Johnson	1959....Shirley Schenke	1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1928....Mary Pfaff	1960....Margaret Morello	1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1929....Esther Binder	1961....Marian Ruzicka	1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1930....Beulah McCollum	1962....Margaret Edwards	<b>1994....Midge Zielinski</b>
1931....Viola Vix	1963....Alice Pechinski	<b>1995....Boneta Wisbrock</b>
1932....Bernice Goltry	1964....Alice Pechinski	<b>1996....Leora Novak</b>
1933....Mae Jones	1965....Anne Creel	<b>1997....Leora Novak</b>
1934....Bernice Hannan	<b>1966....Evelyn Jenkins</b>	1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1935....Marie Finger	<b>1967....Dorothy Nied</b>	1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1936....Evelyn Walter	<b>1968....Eleanor Bartels</b>	2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
1937....Josephine Mitchell	1969....Alice Pechinski	<b>2001....Leora Novak</b>
1938....Lorraine Edwards	1970....Helen Beck	2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1939....Ethel Margison	1971....Jeanette Foster	<b>2003....Midge Zielinski</b>
1940....Vera Iehl	1972....Dorothy Kadlec	<b>2004....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1941....Mabel Webster	1973....Margaret Morello	<b>2005....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1942....Muriel Fischel	1974....Ann Hodous	<b>2006....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1943....Ruth Karvatt	1975....Ann Hodous	<b>2007....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1944....Emily Mrkvicka	<b>1976....Eleanor Bartels</b>	<b>2008....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1945....Flossie Dreuttel	1977....Alice Pechinski	<b>2008....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1946....Minnie Lester	1978....Mildred Mueller	<b>2009....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1947....Esther Weaver	1979....Catherine Smalley	<b>2009....Rosemary Collins</b>
1948....Myrtle Kraft	<b>1980....Frances North</b>	<b>2010....Rosemary Collins</b>
1949....Vivian Harkness	1981....Anne Creel	<b>2011....Karen Greenwald</b>
1950....Christine McGarvie	1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek	<b>2012....Karen Greenwald</b>
1951....Shirley Wrenn	1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek	<b>2013....Rosemary Collins</b>

*Italics denotes deceased*





## Bingo Workers

- 6/3 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Sharon T.  
Tickets: Leora N., Pam H.
- 6/10 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam Q., Pam H.  
Tickets: Radika J., Norma B.
- 6/17 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Jean K.  
Tickets: Eleanor R., Lorraine D.
- 6/24 Kitchen: Arlene G., Marge P., & Nancy C.  
Tickets: Pat M., Jane B.

**June Unit Meeting is our  
Annual Potluck Dinner —  
Bring a dish to share.**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	4 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6	7 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	11 County Meeting Hinsdale Post 250	12	13	14 CDC 8:30 am Flag Day Concert - 6 pm FLAG DAY
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 Flag Retirement 7:30 pm	17 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	18 Legion Riders 7:00 pm	19	20	21 CDC 8:30 am FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
22	23	24 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	25 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27	28 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
29	30	 <b>June 2014</b> 				
<b>Flower: Rose</b> <b>Birthstone: Pearl</b> <b>National Safety Month</b> <b>Men's Health Month</b>		<b>ELIGIBILITY DATES</b> WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975 WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities				